

REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims

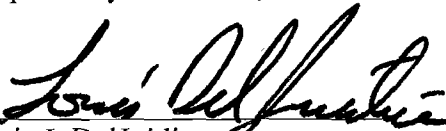
Claims 1-19 are allowed by the Notice of Allowance dated December 22, 2006. The issue fee is due March 22, 2007 and is paid concurrently herewith.

The amendment to the Abstract was made to replace the current Abstract with a new Abstract.

Thus, it is respectfully requested that the present amendment to the Abstract be entered and the application issued as a U.S. patent.

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